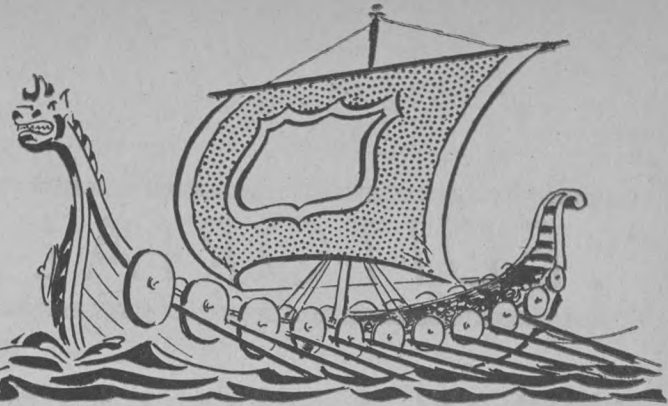


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District Convention - Vasa Lodge

The sixteenth Biennial Convention of District Alberta No. 18 was held on June 29th and 30th in Lethbridge, Alberta, in their own Vasa hall. Delegates and officers were welcomed by District Deputy, Bud Bella, who also introduced the Deputy Mayor of Lethbridge, who gave everyone a hearty welcome.

With regret it was announced that the Grand Master would be unable to partake in the convention due to sudden illness on his arrival and he was taken to the hospital. Flowers and best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to him. Trooping of the colors, by three Navy Cadets, was very impressive. The altar was decorated with a lovely floral arrangement of blue and yellow mums. Corsages were presented to Sister Anna Johnson, the Grand Master's wife and District Master, Margaret Eliasson by the Lethbridge Lodge.

The business session was opened with a speech by District Master, Margaret Eliasson. The Credential Committee reported and initiation of new members took place. This was followed by reports from District Master, District Secretary, District Treasurer and the Auditors.

District Secretary, Eric Engvall, reported that \$275.00 had been paid out over the past term for Old Age and Assistance Fund. A special book was purchased to keep record of persons who have held important positions. The Vasa Skandia Drill Team has donated a Bridal Book for pictures and write ups of brides who wear the Vasa Bridal Crown. Reports followed from the District Supervisor and Cultural Leader.

The delegate from the Grand Lodge Convention, District Deputy Eric Pierre, gave his report and expressed his thanks at the honour of being sent to Grand Lodge as a delegate and said he found it a great experience. Nineteen delegates were present and were all introduced at the same time as the District Officer. One officer was missing, Brother Thorsen from Nordstjarnan Lodge.

A report was given from the Children's Flight to Sweden in 1964 Committee. District Master Margaret Eliasson and Brother Floyd Modin, of Buford Lodge, were elected to work on this project. A recommendation for an annual Vasa Day, alternating between North and South, was planned. The Cultural Leader and an assistant from each local lodge will work on the project.

A congratulatory telegram was to be sent to Strindberg Lodge No. 259 Winnipeg, who are celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Holding a Grand Lodge Convention in Canada, at a future date, caused a lively discussion.

As Lodge Norden No. 513 is celebrating their 35th Anniversary in July, District Master Margaret Eliasson proposed to help them prepare their celebration.

On Sunday morning a lovely memorial service was held in memory of members that have passed away during the past term. This was performed by the young women of various local lodges.

Business was then resumed with the Recommendations and Finance Committees reporting. The resolutions were read and accepted with thanks. The District Master thanked all the past officers for their co-operation during the past term. Many motions and suggestions were discussed and decided upon.

Election of Officers

District Master, Margaret Eliasson; Vice District Master, Harry Erickson; Secretary, Eric Engvall; Vice Secretary, Floyd Modin; Treasurer, Magnus Pearson.

Executive Board — Bud Bella, John Holmlund, Eric Olson. Chairman of Auditing Committee, Stridberg. District Supervisor, Floyd Modin. Cultural Leader, Floyd Modin.

The installation of officers was very ably performed by Grand Deputy Eric Pierre and Staff.

The past cultural leader thanked the officers and executive board for their help during his term also for all the help he had received from

different members arranging for the picnic on Vasa day. Sister Lodge thanked all those who had worked to prepare the reports that had been distributed among officers and delegates. After the reading of the Chaplain the meeting was adjourned.

There was a recommendation to all local lodges that have bowling teams to have a provincial competition once a year. The District took 1,000 books to try to sell to help the childrens flights to Sweden.

A delicious Smorgasbord Banquet was held Saturday evening with Chairman Dick Stonehaucker, Master of Ceremonies, displaying his hidden comical talents. Delegates were greatly amused by the comical entertaining program, whose Master of Ceremonies was Verne Cederberg. Dancing then followed.

During the evening the Grand Masters wife, Sister Anna Johnson, presented a Gold Vasa Bridal Crown to Alberta District No. 18, which had been donated by Dr. Borgstrom of Sweden.

Sisters of Lethbridge Lodge are sincerely thanked for the delicious meals they prepared and treats during coffee breaks. Thanks is also extended to Lethbridge Lodge for the use of their hall. It was felt by all that it was a very successful convention.

A MODERN MIRACLE

Sogn og Fjordane is the name of a province in western Norway. It has a reputation at home and abroad for its dramatic nature, for its fjords and high mountains. Unfortunately these mountains are not rich in resources, they yield no valuable minerals, they nourish little vegetation. The soil is a mixture of moraine gravel and marshland. The lot of the farmer here is a sorry lot indeed.

There are places in this province where the total rainfall measures three thousand millimeters. There are other areas where the rainfall is a record low. The province has the lowest average income in the country. Only one per cent of the total area of the province can be cultivated. Of the farms one third have a total area of less than 8 acres. Sheep and goats came quite naturally to be the main source of income.

Of all the poor municipalities in this province, Ardel in 1940 was the poorest, with an average annual income per capita of a mere 536 kroner. It was so rocky, so barren and bleak that there was once talk of evacuating the entire valley and letting all its inhabitants move to America.

Today there are more than 600 people living there. They enjoy their modern houses, they have electric lights, radios, refrigerators

and television. Streets and roads are asphalt covered. Schools were built, a library, a new city hall, and a public swimming pool. In short, all the characteristics of modern urban life are to be found in Ardel today. In this remote, isolated mountain valley, large industrial installations and an entire city have been constructed in the brief span of 15 years.

It sounds like a fairy tale, and it is a modern miracle. It is the fairy tale of the aluminum industry and its triumphant entry into a poor and isolated rural society. A fairy tale of thousands of new jobs created — of fresh hope, of men and women moving back to depopulated areas. There were many reasons why the production of aluminum was chosen for the new industry in the remote district of Ardel.

The decisive factors were no doubt, the great source of natural energy available in the immediate vicinity of the place of production and the ice-free harbor ensuring year-round supply of raw materials and export of the finished product.

The production of aluminum is the highest energy consuming electro-metallurgical processes in the world. Eighteen to twenty kwh are needed to produce one kilogram of metal. Very large quantities of cheap electric power are needed to make the production possible. And

Seminary Professor To Speak At Augustana

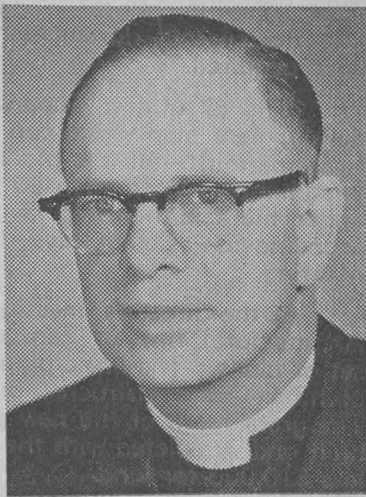
Augustana Lutheran Church in downtown Edmonton has a speaker of special interest for Sunday, August 11. On that day, Professor Harold Floreen of The Lutheran College and Seminary at Saskatoon will conduct the liturgy and preach at the service which begins at 11 a.m.

Prior to his ordination into the ministry, Professor Floreen worked for 10 years in the United States Weather Bureau in the Rocky Mountain area. His particular interest in this work was the photographic study of cloud structures. A number of his photographs have appeared in journals and text books.

It was in 1946 that he became a Pastor in the Augustana Lutheran Church. Eight years of his ministry having been devoted to the Christian Approach to the Jews. He has served as a seminary professor at Saskatoon since 1960.

Pastor Theodore Chell will be the speaker at Augustana Church on Sunday, August 4 and on Wednesday, August 7 at the Mid Week Service.

Erich Berendt, a senior seminarian at the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago Campus, will speak at the Mid Week Service on July 31. Erich is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in the city.



These Mid Week worship opportunities are designed for people who are out of town or must work on Sundays.

Sweden's exports of furniture rose by 20 per cent last year, reaching about 60 million kroner or nearly \$12 million. Over the past seven years, export sales have increased fourfold. The leading customer is Denmark, followed by the United States and West Germany. The Swedish furniture industry comprises some 400 factories with 13,000 employees. Half of them are located in the southern province of Smaland. While most of the factories are small, there is a growing trend towards larger manufacturing units. Sweden's furniture imports have also increased considerably in recent years. The leading suppliers are Denmark, Norway and Germany.

A 320-year-old promise to let some Delaware Indians see Sweden is being honored by Swedish authorities and organizations. Four such Indians, who live in Oklahoma and in Ontario, Canada, have been invited to visit Sweden this summer. They are expected to leave New York by SAS on June 1. The first initiation was issued in the sixteen-forties when Sweden had a colony in the Delaware Valley.

in the very heart of Norway's mountain world — Jotunheimen — one thousand meters above sea level and only 20 kilometers distant from Ardel, there are numerous lakes and rivers ready to be tapped in order to satisfy the essential need of the aluminum producers — cheap and abundant electric power.

The new aluminum works were granted the right to utilize the waters of an area of almost 800 square kilometers. Today the six hundred thousand tamed horse power of the Tyin and Fortum-Grandfaster system give the power stations of Ardel Verk a source of potential energy of two billion kwh annually. This is sufficient electric power to produce 110,000 tons of crude aluminum.

Swedish College Girls Defend Their Morals

Swedish college girls who go to Europe and America for education and travel are surprised to hear foreigners say that Scandinavians have light morals. In Stockholm they are forming a propaganda committee to correct such opinions.

We Swedes are naturally cold, insisted blue-eyed blonde Mariana Wahlestedt, 22. But we grow up in such freedom that it is difficult to compare us with those who are reared in restriction and mystery.

At school we take courses in sex education, and all our classes are mixed, explained Brigitta Wistedt, 21. There is a close friendship

between boys and girls, but we don't start flirting business for some time.

Things are simple and natural between sexes, reported tall brunette Ulla Anderson, 18. Girls don't try to look falsely seductive, and then act insulted if a boy makes a pass. It's proper for girls to go to dances alone, but we go on bicycles, not in cars as big as bedrooms, reported Monika Ostelius, 22. If a summer party lasts all night, you must remember that the sun doesn't go down in our country at this time of the year.

EDITORIAL

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

BY S. A. SORENSON

PLANNING! PLANNING! PLANNING!

At 125 Avenue and 142 Street a large sign has been erected which says "THE FUTURE HOME OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE." We have raised sufficient money to make a beginning of this future home. Now we are in a most important phase — the actual planning of the Centre and the over-all development of the 3.28 acres which we have acquired.

It is of utmost importance that we have an over-all development plan which can be completed piece by piece, as funds permit. Into the planning must go much thought and imagination. With this view in mind, the planning committee, under the chairmanship of S. J. Johnson, are inviting the Scandinavian Committees to attend a special Planning Meeting.

At the directors' meeting of July 9, Mr. Hollands of the Architectural firm of Rensaa and Minsos, presented a new set of plans. The basic plan was favorably received, and the architects were instructed to proceed to develop the details. The great merit of the new plan is that the first unit can be built and completed with the funds on hand, namely \$75,000 less \$10,000 for land.

A costing committee, with Don Shaw as chairman, has been set up. This committee will determine the anticipated revenue and expenditure in the operation of the Centre. The approach will perhaps be one in which its operational expense will be determined first, then ways and means must be found to raise the needed money.

The results of the Planning Committee meeting will be presented to the shareholders for final approval on August 13.

CHARTER FLIGHTS COME AND GO — JUNE 30

Yes, the chartered flight arranged by P. Norman Christensen of the Scandinavian Centre got off the ground for Copenhagen, Denmark; and the chartered flight arranged by Hans Kristensen of Wardair Ltd. arrived from Copenhagen — both on June 30th.

Through a misunderstanding, Erik Norgaard did not get to the airport to meet his mother Mrs. Agda Norgaard. "This was a historic occasion," said Mr. Norgaard, "and to think that I missed meeting my mother on her arrival." However, Knud Holm-Pedersen was on hand to take Mrs. Norgaard to her son's home. In speaking to Mr. Norgaard, he says he is going to give his mother the vacation of a life-time, and I am sure he will. She intends to fly back on our charter flight on or about December 15, 1963.

The Scandinavian Centre hopes that all our tourist friends from Scandinavia will be at Elk Island Park on Annual SCANDINAVIAN DAY, JULY 28, 1963.

DIRECTORS MEET JULY 9

Here are the highlights:

- Full speed ahead on planning the Centre.
- Shareholders' meeting set for August 13.
- The Scandinavian Centre News made a profit — the second time in a row. Again congratulations to Mrs. Vera Nielsen and the editorial staff.
- Don Shaw, chairman of the costing committee.
- Two share applications approved — Erik Norgaard and Miss Jeanette MacKenzie.

THE SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE FLOAT

The Journal describes this year's float as a "Gem" of the Klondike days. On July 15 it went down Jasper Avenue proudly, as No. 57 in the 2-hour long parade.

Sitting high on the float were Sharon Sorensen and Judy Markstrom, panning gold for the future Scandinavian Centre. The following children represented the Scandinavians, who were gleefully cheering and waving to the crowd:

Charlotte Vimtiup, Stephen Benediktson, Lennart Hopland, Iris Hagman, Randy Watson, Inez Hovde, Rita Salomaa, Gerry Thorvaldson, Gail Sund and Dorothy Vimtiup.

The Scandinavian Centre is grateful to Albert's Body Shop for the use of their space to build the float, to Cockshutt Farm Equipment for providing the tractor and wagon; and to Byers and Shearer Farm Equipment for the courtesy and excellent co-operation of the driver, Mr. Lionel Hebert.

DANIA DOINGS

Our fishing trip and family picnic: To bad that so few people showed up to this on Sunday, July 7th, it was a grand day weatherwise and the people that came enjoyed themselves.

The fishing contest did not go so well, not that the men did not try their luck; but the fish just wouldn't bite. However, one man caught one lonely fish, the lucky guy was Boje Krogh, who received a nice cup for his effort — or should we call it luck?

Pastor Rasmussen, Calgary, will be visiting Edmonton Sunday, August 4th and will be conducting the morning service at Ansgar Lutheran Church.

Pastor Rasmussen has served several Danish congregations in the United States and Canada over the many years he has been a minister and is still active in Calgary, despite his age (86), partly with hospital work and partly as Minister for The Danish Congregation in Calgary.

We welcome Pastor Rasmussen as an old friend and are looking forward to once again have him in the pulpit of our church.

"Bikuben" will meet again on August 19th, the third Monday of the month and hope to see many turn out for this meeting. The place is 10029 - 85 Avenue at 8:00 p.m. All Danish speaking ladies are welcome.

"DANIA" is holding their annual Fugleskydning, bird shoot, on Sunday, August 25th at the Opelinski Farm, 2 miles south on the Calgary Highway to Danish Flag, then turn west up to the farm. Shooting will start sharp at 2:00 p.m., so please come early in order to take part in the competition from its beginning. Guns and ammunition will be provided at the range. Please do not bring your own guns. No shooting will be allowed other than on the range. This is a safety measure for the protection of anyone who may be picnicing in the surrounding area.

There will be games for the youngsters and the ladies who do not wish to take part in the shooting, so bring the whole family and your lunch.

Coffee and other refreshments will be available at the grounds.

Farewell Party

The time is getting short, we will soon have to bid our visitors from Denmark a good journey back and we hope they all have enjoyed their stay here.

The board members of "DANIA" decided at their last meeting to invite all guests with friends and relatives to a little get-together on August 14th, downstairs at the Devlin Cafe in the McLeod Building. A film will be shown by Mr. Johnson from the Edmonton Travel Agency and we will have a chance to meet one another over a cup of coffee.

Everyone is welcome. A silver Collection will be taken.

Come and let us make it an evening our guests will enjoy and remember. See you all Wednesday, August 14th, 8:00 p.m. Don't let us down, please.

New Danish Bake Shop

We wish to congratulate and wish Poul and Aase Rasmussen good luck with their new Danish Bake Shop, that will open sometime in September at the Meadowlark Shopping Centre in Jasper Place. Look for the advertisement in next month's issue.

Mrs. MacNaughton Passes Away

Members of the Edmonton Icelandic community mourn the passing of one of their most distinguished and beloved members. Mrs. Christina Ingabjorg MacNaughton passed away June 20th, 1963.

A long time resident of Edmonton Mrs. MacNaughton came from Glenboror, Manitoba, and was the widow of William Stanley MacNaughton. She leaves to mourn her loss, five sons, James of Edmonton, Alexander of Waterways, John, Stanley Allen, and Robert Christman, all of Edmonton. Also seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one brother, M. Swanson of Glenboror, Manitoba.

Funeral services were held at the Foster McGarvey Funeral Chapel. Reverend Cyril Martin officiated and interment took place in the Edmonton Cemetery.

An honorary member of the Edmonton Icelandic Society Mrs. MacNaughton will be sadly missed by all. We extend our sincere sympathy of her family.

Buford Lodge Children's Club Complete Lessons

A meeting of Buford Lodge No. 577 took place on the last Thursday of the month with a fair attendance.

Two members were reported to be recuperating after having been hospitalized, namely Emil Kvarnberg and Lily Kromm.

Albin Markstedt suggested that we hold summer meetings at Skandia Inn, Pigeon Lake, with Skandia Lodge's permission. He was instructed to obtain permission. In this way we hope to encourage visitors.

The two delegates elected to go to the District Convention at Lethbridge were Wanda Markstedt and Avis Pearson. They were instructed to take with them a resolution to be discussed at the said convention.

The members of the Children's Club "Framat" have completed their Swedish lessons for the year and have been given a test by their leader. Top honours in the 10-year-old and over group went to: Maureen Modin, Elaine Pearson and Sandra Pearson. In the 7 to 10-year-old group — Janet Pearson, Shelly Modin and Darryl Eklund. Honourable mention was given to Colleen Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Pearson have been holidaying at their cabin at Pigeon Lake for a week.

Get well wishes are extended to Christine, infant daughter of Peggy and Floyd Modin, who has recently undergone surgery at the Devon Hospital.

We are very happy to report that Glen Kvarnberg, grandson of Emil and Tillie Kvarnberg, is making wonderful progress towards a complete recovery since his accident on June 10th. He is still in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, but we hope to see him soon.

Thirteen children from Buford attended Children's Week at Vasa Park. They all reported a very enjoyable time, and wished it had lasted another week. Three helpers also went along — Alda Markstedt, Carol Pearson and Wanda Markstedt. May we extend our sincere thanks to Lodge Skandia; our Camp Co-ordinators, Winnie Pearson and Jean Anderson, and all the many wonderful workers and campers.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

St. Hans Fest

(Pot-Luck Supper)

The picnic and pot luck supper held June 21 at Sturgeon River camp site was disrupted by heavy threatening clouds and cold winds. There was a fair turnout, but the scheduled ball game between the adults and the Juniors had to be called off.

In contrast, the sun was shining brightly for the family picnic July 7 at Victoria Park, but the families were conspicuously on the minus side. With school out everyone seems to have found an open road out of the city. However a good game of ball was enjoyed by the picnickers present.

Remember August 18

Sunday, August 18 — Sports Day and Family Picnic. Kapasiwin Beach — Lake Wabamun.

Spotlights

Irene Lagergren, Betty McKevitt and Peter Hanson were among the passengers on the Wardair Flight to Copenhagen, June 29; destination Norway. They also planned an extended tour of Europe.

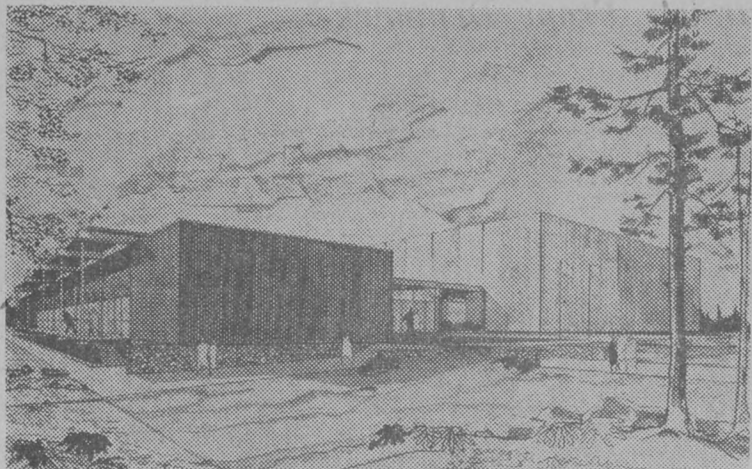
Mrs. Beulah Hinton, with her mother and sister, are enjoying summer holidays in Sweden.

Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen, her daughter-in-law Joan, and a friend, left on a three-week holiday in the East. Ragna will visit her son, Robert and his family in London, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dreyer and family have recently moved to their new home at 16119 - 88A Avenue, Meadowlark Park.

Mr. Peter Sather was a patient recently at the Royal Alexander Hospital where he underwent major surgery.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Amdam were Mrs. Amdam's sister, Mrs. Trent and her husband from Calgary.



DEAR SHAREHOLDER,

We have now complete plans for the development of the site at 125 Avenue and 142 Street. We would like to discuss these plans with you and have your permission to go ahead to construct the first unit of the proposed development.

For this purpose we are calling a meeting for August 13th at 8:00 p.m. in the Devlin Banquet Room at the McLeod Building, 100 Street and 101A Avenue.

Watch The Journal for artists sketch of the new building.

Signed,
S. J. JOHNSON,

Planning Committee
Chairman.

Shareholders' Meeting - Tuesday, August 13th - 8 p.m.

Apartheid
Denounced
In Parliament

The Norwegian Parliament has unanimously voted Kr. 250,000 to assist refugee youth from the Union of South Africa, primarily by providing educational fellowships. The money will be distributed by a committee comprising representatives of Oslo University, the Norwegian South Africa Committee, and the Norwegian Refugee Council.

In a separate action, Parliament unanimously endorsed a report from the Foreign Affairs Committee urging the Government to contact the other Nordic Governments with a view to joint action through UN to prevent the racial conflict in South Africa from becoming a threat to world peace.

Foreign Minister Halvard Lange pledged that the Norwegian Government would promptly consult with the other Nordic Governments to explore ways and means of preventing such a development. Mr. Lange said the question of South Africa's Apartheid policy would likely be raised in the United Nations next fall. He expressed hope that a move to stop the shipment of arms and other military equipment to South Africa might win general support. However, he saw slight prospects for a general embargo against South African goods.

Laborite Jacob Pettersen stressed that the success of economic sanctions would depend upon support from the major trading nations. He deplored that some still sell arms to South Africa.

Conservative Alv Kjos observed that all MP's were agreed on denouncing South Africa's racial policies. The only difference of opinion is in regard to which measures may be most effective.

Newest Tour Site
Strange Midnight
Sun World

A look into the world of the midnight sun is the latest "must" on the itinerary of summertime travellers to Europe.

Behind the growing interest in the exotic midnight sun visits is Scandinavian Airlines System, offering June 1 to July 20 flights from Oslo and Stockholm into the strange, celestial realm where the sun shines for 24 hours.

Something of a fetish has grown up with these trips since tourists making the visit are awarded a Midnight Sun Certificate, an idea similar to the Equator crossing vouchers, verifying the traveller's admission to a circle of seasoned world travellers.

Flying from Oslo across the Polar Circle's glittering mountains to Bodo, travellers are met by excursion cars. Sightseeing trips feature the massive cliffs of the Lofoten Islands and a supper in the quiet chalet of Ronvikfjellet.

From Stockholm an SAS plane flies over giant glaciers to Kiruna where a bus takes passengers to visit a Lapp family. Here also the midnight sun iasts a weird glow over the mountainous landscape and the sky is a dramatic orange.

Both Oslo and Stockholm are 1,100 miles from the midnight sun world. Round trip by plane, including meals and excursions, is only \$78.

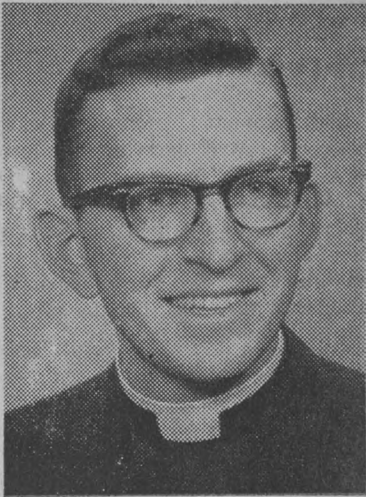
Further midnight sun details are in a new booklet available through travel agents and SAS district

New LCA Mission
For Southwes
Edmonton

The long week end in July marked the arrival of Pastor Theodore Chell and his family to the city of Edmonton. Pastor Cheli has been called by the Board of American Missions of the Lutheran Church in America to develop the mission site south of 61 Avenue and west of 104 Street in Southwest Edmonton.

Pastor Chell comes from Cannon Falls, Minnesota where his father, the Rev. Arthur Chell serves as Pastor. He received his theological education at Yale Divinity School and Lutheran School of Theology, Rock Island Campus. His ordination was held at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota this spring. Pastor Chell spent his year of internship at Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The congregation which is in the



process of being gathered and organized will be called Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit. The Chells are currently living in an apartment at 11440 60 Avenue. The first service of the new congregation will be at Grandview Heights Public School on September 8th.

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Farewell Barbecue Held

The Edmonton Icelandic Society held a farewell party in the form of a barbecue, for Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Gislason and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bachmann, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaw. With the full co-operation of the weatherman a wonderful time was had by all.

It is with regret we say "Good Bye" to the Gislason and the Bachmann families. Over the years they have played a most active part in the Society and have always been eager to help further the interests of the Icelanders. We wish them good health and happiness in their new homes.

Bill and Inga Bachmann and family will take up residence in Ottawa in August. O. V. and Lorraine Gislason and family have already moved to their farm, north of Athabasca.

Vasa Camp Week

The Annual Children's Camp Week from July 7th to 14th once again came to a successful ending. There were 59 campers ranging in age from 6 to 13 years.

Much help was volunteered to make the week possible. The children were taught Swedish Culture, Swimming and Handicrafts. Baseball games, weiner roasts, games, campfire singing and also a treasure hunt added to their enjoyment. The children kept the cooks very busy, as they seemed to be all hearty eaters this year.

The Camp Leaders this year were Winnie Pearson and Jean Anderson ably assisted by the following persons: Rudy Sund, Gert-rude Holmgren, Alma Samuelson, Charlotte Samuelson, Violet Watson, Ida Franzen, Wanda Markstedt, Carol Pearson, Elda Markstedt, Evelyn Johnson, Anna Bloedel of Falun, Margaret Engvall, Wilma Stone of Falun, Ethel Markstrom, Elvira Anderson of Falun, Glen Eliasson, Glen Roos, Peter Johnson, Jr., Ed Heeks, Faye Johnson, also our sole musician, Leonard Eliasson, Shirley Pearson, Matilda Eliasson, and Floyd Modin. Rual Nyroos came at the end of the week to help with the concert. Many members came at the beginning and end of the week to give a helping hand.

On the last day of Camp the children put on a fine display of folk dancing, singing and P.T. Many children wore costumes adding color to their performance. The parents, I'm sure, were very pleased to see all they had learned. The children received crests and several swimming awards were presented to children who had progressed most in their swimming during the week.

Betty and Magnus Pearson, who were with the original beginning of Camp Week, approximately 13 years ago until 1962 were in attendance at the end of the week. Betty was presented with a lovely vase filled with flowers and Magnus received a carved goat, for their good work over these many years. It was nice to see visitors from Denmark attending our concert, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mortenson.

Coffee was served in the afternoon after the program, complete with Irma McMaster's delicious coffee bread. Irma was always there to lend a helping hand when needed. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to camp next year as a good time seemed to be had by all the children.

ICELANDIC NOTES

Mrs. Don Shaw and family are spending a month in Gimli, Manitoba, visiting with relatives.

Mrs. Audrey Benediktson will act Society. This position was recently as Secretary of the Edmonton vacated by Lorraine Gislason.

Vi and Art Arnfinson journeyed to Kimberly, B.C. to attend the wedding of Art's niece, Barbara Arnfinson, and Mr. gldage Gauthier. Barbara is the daughter of Dori and Gertrude Arnfinson. On their return trip Vi and Art spent a short while visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bird in Calgary.

Returning to Vancouver after a visit with her parents in Winnipeg, Mrs. Irene Moxley spent a few days at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Inga and Bill Bachmann.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Thora Halldorson and her family in their recent double bereavement. Thora journeyed to Washington Island, Wisconsin, to attend the funeral of her brother Dan Lindal. Then early in July her father, Mr. John Lindal, passed away in Lundar, Manitoba.

Mrs. Clara Ward of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Aurora Johnson of Olds, were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Penrose, St. Albert.

Our congratulations to the Scandinavian Centre for their contribution to the big Klondike Day Parade. The beautiful and colorful float was the "brain-child" of Mr. Knut Svidal, and was the result of many hours of hard work on the part of Mr. Svidal and his helpers. Did you recognize the two handsome young representatives from the Icelandic Society riding so proudly on the

float? They were Gerry, son of the President of the Icelandic Society Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson and Mrs. Thorvaldson, and Stevie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen V. Benediktson.

Twelve cases of smallpox occurred in the Stockholm area in late April and during the first part of May. All were within the small group of people known to have been exposed to infection. No new cases were reported May 19 to 21, and there was reason to believe that the spread of the disease had been halted. The infection was brought to Sweden by a seaman who arrived by air from East Asia. The recent outbreak was the first in Sweden since 1932.

Excursion From Denmark



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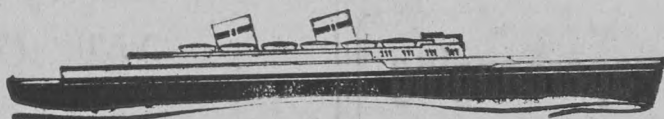
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FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Recently arrived from Uranium City are Mrs. R. Levio and her son Harry, who will be spending a 2 week holiday in Edmonton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vesalainen. She will later be joined by her husband and together they will continue their trip to the Okanagan Valley.

A welcome visitor in Edmonton was Mr. E. Soderberg from Oliver, British Columbia. Mr. Soderberg formerly resided in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Ristola and family enjoyed a camping trip at Jasper and Miette Hot Springs recently.

Mrs. V. Rastas would like to thank the Finnish Society for the flowers she received when she injured her foot.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama have been Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Demers and family of Santa Anna, California, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rama and family of Calgary, Alberta and Mrs. T. E. Tikkanen of Rich Lake, Alberta. Mrs. Tikkanen attended the Post Masters Convention during her stay in Edmonton.

American Specialist Reports On Care Of Aged In Norway

Medical Annals of the District of Columbia, April 1963, contained a report on care of the aged in Norway by Theodore Wiprud, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President of Medical Service of the District of Columbia, who observed in part:



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Located in Jamtland, Sweden, near the joint border, the power plant receives its water supply from Lake Limingen on the Norwegian side. The total development and construction cost is Norwegian Kr. 70 million. Two generators, with a combined capacity of 74,000 kw, can produce about 205 million kwh's annually. Sweden's share is 105 million kwh's, with 100 million going to Norway.

Lindvassalv power plant was built as a joint venture by the Norwegian province of North Trondelag, the Swedish Brannalvens Kraft A/B, and the Norwegian State. Swedish companies financed 70% of the cost and Norwegian interests 30%.

At present, the Norwegian share of the power output is being sold to Sweden. There is a direct transmission line from Lindvassalv in case North Trondelag may need its share, because of drought-caused regional power shortage.

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Picnic Huge Success

The Vasa Lodge's annual picnic was held on June 23rd at Vasa Park.

Some of the events held were races for the children, of all ages, sack racing, children's wheelbarrow race, ladies rolling pin throw, men's and children's pillow fight and a horseshoe match. The men's, women's and children's tug of war were won entirely by Calmar and Buford. The country people must be a much harder stock than their weaker city cousins.

Two ball games played with

Buford and Calmar against Edmonton came out with one each. There was merriment and fun, even to dancing around the Maypole.

Young Vasa members served a delicious cold plate lunch and coffee throughout the afternoon. Proceeds from this will be used to defray expenses for the tennis court project.

It was felt the day was great success and it was nice to see so many people turn out for the occasion.

SKANDIA GLEANINGS

The July 6th meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake. Visitors attending were Mr. and Mrs. Stonehaucker of Lethbridge Lodge and also several people from Buford Lodge.

Initiations took place with Tom and Diane Pearson as new members. Bill Sol's and Sig Johnson's cabins are for sale.

Several members gave reports from the District Convention held in Lethbridge. Thanks was once again extended to all persons who kindly donated generously to the Main Cabin.

Vancouver, B.C., have been in Edmonton visiting Marjorie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Pearson and also relatives and friend.

District Master Margaret Eliasson has been attending an executive meeting of Children's Vasa Youth Tour to Sweden for 1964 in San Francisco. A plan has now been devised to send a flight direct from Alberta and also extending departure date to the end of June, when Canadian children are then finished school.

Next meeting will be held August 3rd at 8 p.m. at Vasa Park, Pigeon Lake. After the July meeting a party was held in honour of Alice and Sig Johnson, who are moving away. A delicious lunch was served and dancing followed.

Young members of the lodge wish to thank everyone for their help and co-operation towards building a tennis court at Vasa Park. \$15.00 was won by W. Sorginson, 8636 - 79th St. and \$10.00 won by Doreen Berger of Gwynne, Alberta.

Grand Master Nels Johnson, who was taken ill while in Lethbridge, attending the Biennial Convention of Alberta District No. 18, is now much improved and will be attending the 50th Anniversary of Strindberg Lodge No. 259 in Winnipeg on Saturday, July 20th. Before leaving Lethbridge, members of the Lodge had a social evening at the home of Fred and Nellie Carlson, for the District Master and his wife. A gift of three books was presented to him from District of Alberta No. 18. Films were shown, by Harold Erickson, of the banquet and entertainment from the District Convention.

A going away surprise party was held at Vasa Park on July 7th, in honour of chairman Sig Johnson and his wife, Alice. Members and friends presented them with a set of pictures and an engraved silver tray. A beautifully decorated cake was served with coffee and lunch. A dance followed ending an enjoyable evening.

Skandia Lodge extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lindberg on their 25th Wedding Anniversary, July 14th. Friends and relatives helped them celebrate this occasion at their home. Even their bridesmaid attended, arriving from Calgary, Alberta. Relatives arrived from far and near to make it a very happy day.

Members attending the 50th Anniversary of Strindberg Lodge No. 259 in Winnipeg are Eric Pierre, Emil Johnson and Mons and Margaret Eliasson.

Halver Hjorf and Olaf Tweter are enjoying a trip to Sweden.

Harry and Marjorie Correll of Don and Evelyn Johnson and

Bowling To Start Sept. 10

The Sons of Norway bowling season 1963-64 will commence Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9 p.m. at the Windsor Bowl.

A bowling meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Logan, 9318 - 71 Avenue, Friday, September 6th at 8 p.m.

Any Sons of Norway Lodge members who wish to bowl this season, please phone Ruth Logan GE 9-0347 before September 6th. It is not necessary that you be an experienced bowler.

daughter Jerry, have been visiting friends and relatives in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Vasa Sisters held a Strawberry Shortcake and Coffee Party at Vasa Lodge on July 7th. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cake and thanks is extended to those who donated same.

Alice and Sig Johnson wish to thank all the members who so kindly surprised them with a party at Vasa Park on July 6th, and also for the lovely gifts that they received.

Nordmanns-Forbundet, the world league of Norwegians, will hold an all-day Emigrant Rally at Sandefjord on the 4th of July with speeches by Foreign Minister Halvard Lange, editor Torolf Kandahl, and Norwegian-born explorer Finn Ronne.

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The Troubles Of Drama Supervisor Esse W. Ljungh

By Jack Richards
"Vancouver Son"

The life of Esse W. Ljungh is haunted by the sound of knitting needles.

As the drama supervisor for both CBC radio and television the Swedish-born dramatist carries with him the unhappy vision of a group of little old ladies in a Sarnia church basement, knitting away like Madama LaFarge at the guillotine and looking for things on the CBC that will push his head under the knife.

Ljungh is a short middle-aged man with a bristly moustache and rather stern countenance in repose, who could pass for a French-Canadian business man.

But behind the facade hides a volatile lover of the arts with a prodigious sense of humor, a warm friendliness and a broad tolerance of all people and all things. He smiles broadly and often.

He is rabidly Canadian although he did not come to Canada until 1927 after graduating in dramatic arts from Uppsala University in Sweden. And while he jokes about it, it annoys him that, people will ask: "Why are you so excited about Canada?"

He faults Canadian authors and dramatists for writing plays and books about other countries, when there is a wealth of material in this country's history and traditions. He feels it is a part of the CBC's responsibility to romanticize these things and bring them to the public in acceptable form.

To this end he is working toward the Centennial of 1967 despite constant harassment from historians and others who take a rigid academic line and turn pale at any literary licence which has built relatively obscure figures ignoring the facts.

It annoys him that the U.S. turns such men as Davy Crockett into great heroes, not only for their own children but for ours as well.

Another annoyance is the attitude of English-speaking Canadians to any expression of the French-speaking Canadians.

To a tolerant man like Ljungh it is a dreadful situation.

Right now, he is in some hot water over the CBC television presentation of Richardson's Gallows Humor on which his little old ladies leaped with glee and flooded the CBC with written protests.

Esse defends it fiercely. Not necessarily because he likes it. He thinks the avant garde, the theatre — a sort of dramatic growing pain — and that it will pass away.

But he feels these people who write these destructive plays have something to say and he is willing to go to great lengths to defend their right to say it.

It annoys him that the U.S. uses which protects him in his position. His explosive laughter combined with a fine appreciation of subtlety takes him past the worst points.

But it is a lonely battle for the most part. People who approve of the program he fights to get on CBC never write. Only those clicking needles in the church basement ever get through.

But even about them, he has the tolerance of humor. They protest some of the language that sneaks into the realistic plays.

"Somehow," says Esse, "I just can't imagine a big lumberjack having a tree fall on his foot and saying 'Oh, dear'."

The dramatic arts in Canada may fall far short of what a lot of people desire. But as long as fair minded fighters like Esse Ljungh are on the scene, there is great hope.

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